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Patent application No.	2003-560757
Drafted on	August 29, 2006
Examiner	Yoshiharu KOBAYASHI
Title of the Invention:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING CONTENT, RECORDING DISTRIBUTION LOG, AND CREATING CONTENT
Applicant	DENTSU INC.
Agent	Hideo FURUTANI and other three

This application is refused for the reason(s) stated in the notification of reason(s) for refusal dated May 31, 2005.

The argument and amendment have been examined, but no basis sufficient to overthrow the previously given reason(s) for refusal has been found.

REMARKS

In the written argument, the Applicant develops an argument that the invention defined in Claims 1 through 10 is differ from the Cited references 1 and 2 in the following points and it is not easily be accomplished by a person having ordinary skill in the art according to the Cited references 1 and 2.

(1) In the invention defined in Claims 1 through 7, such invention having the structure of "at the time of execution of distributing the content consist of a combination of the same content portion and a plurality of different advertisement portions, a distribution log is recorded for every combination of the content portion and the advertising portion, and select distribution log data including the same advertisement portion indicators recorded on the distribution log recording means upon receiving a request for distribution log, and output the selected distribution log data so that the data having the same content portion indicators is gathered."

(2) In the invention defined in Claims 8 through 10, such invention having the structure of "select distribution log data including the same content portion indicators recorded on the distribution log recording means, and

output the selected distribution log data so that the data having the same advertisement portion indicators is gathered .“

However, as shown in the reference A, in advertising insertion to a page, it is just a well-known technology to record which advertisement is inserted in which page as an access log, and to grasp an access.

Here, data gathering for each advertisement (corresponds to the terms “the data having the same advertisement portion indicators is gathered” defined by the Applicant) and for each page (the data having the same content portion indicators is gathered) is usually carried out (in the reference B, it is disclosed that the number of access for the content and that of the banner advertisement are gathered, for example), performing the data gathering which the Applicant argues in the written argument is also performed easily using such access log.

It is, therefore, the argument developed by the Applicant is not valid.

【Cited references】

1. Patent laid-open publication No. 2002-6863
2. Patent laid-open publication No. 2000-322433

【References】

- A. Patent laid-open publication No. 2001-134646
- B. Patent laid-open publication No. 2001-256322

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発明の名称	コンテンツ配信装置およびコンテンツ作成方法
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備考

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(2) 本願の請求項8-10に記載の発明では「前記配信履歴記録手段に記録された、同一のコンテンツ部分指示情報を含む配信履歴データを選び出し、当該配信履歴データを、広告部分指示情報が同一のものごとに集計して出力する」構成を有する点

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【引用文献等一覧】

- 1.特開2002-6863号公報
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